

Remarks

Claims 1-26 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 15-26 are rejected, while claims 11-14 are objected to.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The subheadings below conform with those in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7, 10 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jones (U.S. Patent No. 5,562,369).

The arguments made in the Amendment dated March 11, 2008 are incorporated by reference.

The limitations that formerly appeared in claim 11 now appear in claim 1, and claim 11 was said to be allowable when rewritten. Claim 11 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-7, 10 and 15-18 rise or fall with claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8, 9, and 19-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in light of Jones '369. But claim 8 includes the elements of claims 7 and 1, which is allowable for the reasons discussed earlier. Claims 8, 9 and 19-26 rise or fall with claims 7 and 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were said to be allowable when rewritten. As indicated above, the limitations of claim 11 now appear in claim 1. The dependency of claim 12 has been altered so that it rises or falls with claim 1. Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12.

Conclusion

All formal and substantive requirements of patentability appear to have been met.

If a telephone interview might expedite matters, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned so that the privilege of an interview can be exercised before a final Office Action.

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